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VETERANS COMMITTEE

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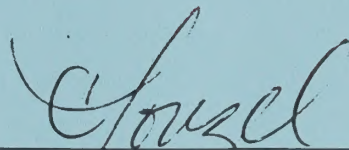
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## NOTICE OF MEETING

### Hamilton Veterans Committee

Thursday, 1997 May 8  
3:00 o'clock p.m.  
Room 264, City Hall

GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

  
Charlene Touzel, Secretary  
Hamilton Veterans Committee

## AGENDA

1. DELEGATION (3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.)

Meeting with Mr. Georges Lariviere, new District Director, Veterans Affairs Canada to Discuss Various Issues Affecting the Veterans of Hamilton and Area (If you have specific issues that you would like Mr. Lariviere to address, please contact me at 546-3994 by 1997 May 1 so that I can notify Mr. Lariviere in advance of this meeting.)

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Hamilton Veterans Committee for its meetings held:

- (a) 1996 October 3
- (b) 1996 October 3 (With Veterans Representatives)
- (c) 1996 November 5

3. 1997 DECORATION DAY PARADE/SERVICE

- a) General Discussion
- b) Order to Wreaths to be Placed for Veterans Services

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Review of Current Policies respecting Plantings, Laying of Wreaths, etc. in Field of Honour, Woodland Cemetery

5. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee will adjourn for a Dinner Planning Meeting at 5:15 p.m. and will reconvene at 7:00 p.m. to meet with the Hamilton and area Veterans Associations to formulate plans for the 1997 Decoration Day Parade and Service.

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## HAMILTON VETERANS COMMITTEE

1997 February 25

Mr. Georges Lariviere  
District Director  
Veterans Affairs Canada  
350 King Street East  
P.O. Box 2490  
Hamilton, ON L8N 3J9

Dear Mr. Lariviere:

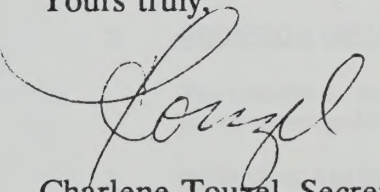
Further to our telephone conversation today, I am pleased to advise that arrangements have been made for you to meet with the Hamilton Veterans Committee on Thursday, 1997 May 8 at 3:00 o'clock p.m. in Room 264, Hamilton City Hall.

This meeting will give you an opportunity to meet the members of the Hamilton Veterans Committee and to discuss any Departmental issues that you feel should be brought to the Committee's attention respecting the veterans of Hamilton and area. I will ask all Committee Members if they have specific items they wish to discuss with you and will notify you in advance of this meeting.

For your convenience, I have enclosed a parking permit which will enable you to park in the upper parking lot at City Hall, at no cost, while attending this meeting.

Your co-operation in meeting with the Committee is greatly appreciated and we look forward to meeting with you on May 8th.

Yours truly,

  
Charlene Touzel, Secretary  
Hamilton Veterans Committee

enclosure





Thursday, 1996 October 3  
4:00 o'clock p.m.  
Room 264, City Hall

The Hamilton Veterans Committee met.

There were present: Frank Caldwell, Chairperson  
Jack McFarland, Vice-Chairperson  
Alderman William McCulloch  
Lloyd Shephard  
Bill Eisan  
Tom Dean

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Also Present: William McBride, The Canadian Club of Hamilton  
Charlene Touzel, Secretary

1. DELEGATION

**The Canadian Club of Hamilton - Involvement in Remembrance Day Service on 1996 November 11 - William McBride, Managing Secretary**

The Committee was in receipt of a letter dated 1996 August 25 from William McBride, Managing Secretary, The Canadian Club of Hamilton, requesting an opportunity to participate in the City's Remembrance Day Service on 1996 November 11.

Mr. McBride appeared before the Committee to discuss The Canadian Club's request to participate in the Remembrance Day ceremonies to commemorate the Club's donation of the Cenotaph to the City of Hamilton on 1923 May 22.

Considerable discussion ensued with respect to this matter, and it was agreed that a rededication ceremony should be included in the Remembrance Day ceremonies on 1996 November 11. In this the City's Sesquicentennial year, the Committee agreed that the Cenotaph should be rededicated to the Veterans of World War I, World War II and the Korea War. It was agreed that the President of The Canadian Club would be permitted to say a few words about the rededication of the Cenotaph, following which, the Mayor, the President of The Canadian Club of Hamilton and the Chairman of the Hamilton Veterans Committee, will take part in a ribbon cutting ceremony just before the laying of the wreaths.

Mr. McBride also wished to bring to the Committee's attention, the activities of the Hamilton Sesquicentennial Celebrations Inc. as they pertain to the Militia and Veterans in our City. Committee Members were advised that following the Parade on 1996 November 10, the Militia will march back to the Armouries where a plaque presentation will be made to the area Commanding Officers in recognition of the long service of their Units in Hamilton. Veterans groups will be invited back to the Armouries to watch the presentation, however, it was agreed that the Veterans Clubs would not march back to the Armouries with the Militia Units.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Committee was in receipt of the Minutes of the Hamilton Veterans Committee for its meetings held 1996 May 10. These Minutes were adopted as circulated.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) **Meeting with Veterans Affairs Canada**

Committee Members were reminded that their next meeting with the District Director, Veterans Affairs Canada, will be held on 1996 October 17 at 12:00 o'clock noon at the Hamilton Office of Veterans Affairs Canada.



**b) Status of Outstanding Markers in Field of Honour**

The Secretary reported that there are only eleven markers outstanding in the Field of Honour in Woodland Cemetery and that she is following up with the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Last Post Fund and families to secure payment for the missing headstones.

**4. 1996 REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE AND SERVICES**

The Committee was in receipt of an agenda for the 1996 Remembrance Day Parade and Services which will be held on Sunday, 1996 November 10 and Monday, 1996 November 11 at 10:45 a.m. at the Cenotaph in Gore Park.

Some discussion ensued on a Veteran in Charge of Wreath Bearers to replace Roy Bellamy who recently passed away unexpectedly. Frank Caldwell indicated that he has spoken with the Veteran who fulfilled this role before Roy Bellamy, but reported that he is not interested in taking on this position because of health problems.

The Committee agreed to discuss further with the representatives from the various Veterans organizations at this evening's meeting.

**5. OTHER BUSINESS****a) Saluting Procedures Reviewed**

Bill Eisan brought to the Committee's attention that he received a letter from Colonel Forsyth respecting the saluting procedures for the Canadian Military and indicated that the Military do not salute the Lament and suggested that the Veterans follow this procedure. The Committee agreed to bring this matter up when meeting with the various Veterans organizations this evening.

**b) Need for a Contingency Plan for Inclement Weather**

Tom Dean expressed his concerns that a contingency plan for the annual Remembrance Day Parade is needed in the event of inclement weather. The Committee agreed that this would be a good idea. Jack McFarland suggested that the Committee delegate a representative to meet with the Chief Warrant Officer at the James Street Armouries to put this plan in writing. It was also agreed that if the Parade and March Past are held in the Armouries because of poor weather conditions, that only one band be permitted to play.

**c) Request for Veteran to Make Presentation at Local School on Remembrance Day**

Jack McFarland advised Committee Members that he has been contacted by Veterans Affairs Canada who advise that Caledon Secondary School is interested in having a Veteran attend their history class on November 11th to answer any questions the class may have on World War II. Given the Remembrance Day Service planned on November 11, an alternate date of November 7th was suggested. Lloyd Shephard indicated that the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 58, has a number of volunteers that could visit the School. Bill Eisan indicated that he would contact the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 163, the Branch located closest to the School, to see if they can delegate a Veteran to visit the School on November 7th.

**d) Veterans Parade - Tiger Cat Football Game on 1996 October 18**

Jack McFarland advised Committee Members that he has been contacted by Veterans Affairs Canada requesting that the Veterans form up a parade for the Hamilton Tiger Cat Football Game on 1996 October 18 at 7:00 p.m. at Ivor Wynn



Stadium. Considerable discussion ensued on this matter, and given the short notice received, the Committee agreed to take no action on this request.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting then adjourned.

Taken as read and approved,

Frank Caldwell, Chairperson  
Hamilton Veterans Committee

Charlene Touzel, Secretary



The purpose of this study was to determine the effect of the use of the following procedure on the results of the study. The procedure was as follows: The subjects were divided into two groups. The first group was given the procedure and the second group was given the control procedure. The results of the study are shown in the following table:

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Thursday, 1996 October 3  
7:00 o'clock p.m.  
Room 233, City Hall

The Hamilton Veterans Committee met with representatives from the various Veterans Associations to formulate plans for the 1996 Remembrance Day Parade and Services.

There were present:

- Frank Caldwell, Chairperson
- Jack McFarland, Vice-Chairperson
- Alderman William McCulloch, Hamilton Veterans Committee
- Lloyd Shephard, Hamilton Veterans Committee
- Bill Eisan, Hamilton Veterans Committee
- Tom Dean, Hamilton Veterans Committee
- Ronald Fox, Hamilton Signals Association
- Robert Moses, Her Majesty's Army and Navy Veterans
- Ruth Thorne, 447 Wing
- George Thorne, National Steel Car Veterans
- John Clarke, Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 58
- Pius Peters, Bishop Ryan Association, Knights of Columbus
- A. Chereskovitch, Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 315
- Mike Roach, Royal Hamilton Light Infantry Veterans Assoc.
- J. Andrew, British Imperial Veterans Association
- Regimental Sergeant Major Dennis Floresco, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada

Also Present: Charlene Touzel, Secretary

1. **CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Frank Caldwell, Chairperson, Hamilton Veterans Committee, called the meeting to order and thanked the representatives from the various Veterans Clubs for attending.

Before reviewing the agenda for the upcoming Remembrance Day Parade and Services, Mr. Caldwell reported on the activities of the Hamilton Veterans Committee as follows:

a) **The Canadian Club of Hamilton - Involvement in Remembrance Day Service on 1996 November 11**

The Veterans Organizations were advised that a rededication of the Cenotaph in Gore Park will be included in the Remembrance Day ceremonies on 1996 November 11.

b) **Presentation to Militia Units on 1996 November 10**

The Veterans Organizations were advised that following the Parade on 1996 November 10, the Militia will march back to the Armouries where a plaque presentation will be made to the area Commanding Officers in recognition of the long service of their Units in Hamilton. Veterans groups will be invited back to the Armouries to watch the presentation, however, it was agreed that the Veterans Clubs would not march back to the Armouries with the Militia Units.

Regimental Sergeant Major Dennis Floresco, CD, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada, was in attendance and reported on the activities planned for the presentation and welcomed the participation of the Hamilton Veterans Clubs.

Mike Roach suggested that the Chairman announce the presentation at the Cenotaph at the end of the Service to remind any Veterans that may be interested in attending.



**c) Saluting Procedures Reviewed**

Bill Eisan brought to the Veterans' attention, the current saluting procedures for the Canadian Military. Mr. Eisan indicated that the Military do not salute the Lament and suggested that the Veterans follow this procedure. Considerable discussion ensued with respect to this matter and the following was approved:

That the Hamilton Veterans, while on Parade, continue to salute the Last Post and Lament and not salute Reveille.

**d) Need for a Contingency Plan for Inclement Weather**

Frank Caldwell indicated that the Hamilton Veterans Committee will be contacting the Militia to put in place a contingency plan for a Service and March Past in the James Street Armouries for the annual Remembrance Day Parade in the event of inclement weather.

Regimental Sergeant Major Dennis Floresco, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders indicated that a contingency plan exists and agreed to send a copy to the Committee Secretary so that a copy can be forwarded to all Veterans Clubs for their information.

**e) Request for Veteran to Make Presentation at Local School on Remembrance Day**

Frank Caldwell advised the Veterans organizations that the Hamilton Veterans Committee has been contacted by Veterans Affairs Canada who advise that Caledon Secondary School is interested in having a Veteran attend their history class on November 11th to answer any questions the class may have on World War II. Given the Remembrance Day Service planned on November 11, an alternate date of November 7th has been suggested. Bill Eisan indicated that he will follow through on this request and contact the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 163, the Branch located closest to the School, to see if they can delegate a Veteran to visit the School on November 7th.

**f) Veterans Parade - Tiger Cat Football Game on 1996 October 18**

The Veterans organizations were advised that the Hamilton Veterans Committee has been contacted by Veterans Affairs Canada requesting that the Veterans form up a parade for the Hamilton Tiger Cat Football Game on 1996 October 18 at 7:00 p.m. at Ivor Wynn Stadium. Considerable discussion ensued on this matter, and given the short notice received, it was agreed that no action be taken on this request.

**g) Tom Dean, New Member Introduced**

Frank Caldwell introduced new Committee Member Tom Dean to the Veterans organizations.

**2. 1996 REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE AND SERVICES**

The Veterans reviewed the agenda for the 1996 Remembrance Day Parade and Services which will be held on Sunday, 1996 November 10 and Monday, 1996 November 11 at 10:45 a.m. at the Cenotaph in Gore Park and the following arrangements were put into place:

**Planning for Remembrance Day Parade and Service - Sunday, 1996 November 10**

Parade Starting Time      10:15 a.m.



Parade Formation Old Armouries (signs will be provided)

Order of March Attached as Appendix "A"

Parade Route James - King - Cenotaph (Veterans on South leg, Militia on North Leg of King Street)

Place of Service Cenotaph

Time of Service 10:45 a.m.

Clergy Reverend Aaron Orr

Band Navy Band

Parade Commander Frank Caldwell

Parade Marshal Jack McFarland

Colour Marshall Bill Eisan

Veteran Taking Salute Mike Roach

Gun Crew and Honour Guard Militia

Piper Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders

Bugler Royal Hamilton Light Infantry

Veteran Accompanying Saluting Officer Bob Moses

U.N. Flag Bearer Korea Veterans Association - Bill Eisan to co-ordinate

Veteran in Charge of Wreath Bearers No name put forward - Frank Caldwell to follow through on

Choir No Choir - Fern Viola will lead Veterans in song

Dismissal John and Rebecca Streets - Veterans  
Hughson Street to the Armouries - Militia

Fly Past Canadian Warplane Heritage (weather permitting)

**Planning for Remembrance Day Service - Monday, 1996 November 11**

Time of Service 10:45 a.m.

Place of Service Fall in at Cenotaph

Clergy Reverend Aaron Orr

Band Salvation Army Band

Colour Marshall Bill Eisan

Piper R.C.L. Branch 58 - Bill Eisan to co-ordinate

Bugler R.H.L.I. - Mike Roach to co-ordinate

Veteran in Charge of Wreath Bearers No name recommended - Frank Caldwell to follow through on

Honour Guard 2 Veterans each from Navy and R.H.L.I.

Choir The Hamilton Children's Choir

Dismissal At the Cenotaph

Fly Past Canadian Warplane Heritage (weather permitting)

3. OTHER BUSINESS

Ruth Thorne indicated that she has been contacted by the Curator, Hamilton Military Museum, asking whether or not a wreath for the Silver Cross Mothers will be laid at the Remembrance Day Service. The Committee was advised that they are only aware of one living Silver Cross Mother who, because of her age and failing health, may not be able to attend this year's Service. Some discussion ensued on whether or not a wreath should be purchased by the Committee and it was agreed that no action be taken on this request. If the families of Silver Cross Mothers wish to purchase a wreath, they can do so and give to Ruth Thorne to lay at the Cenotaph.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting then adjourned.

Taken as read and approved,

Frank Caldwell, Chairperson  
Hamilton Veterans Committee

Charlene Touzel, Secretary



Tuesday, 1996 November 5  
11:00 o'clock a.m.  
Room 233, City Hall

The Hamilton Veterans Committee met.

There were Present: Frank Caldwell, Chairman  
Alderman William McCulloch  
Tom Dean  
Bill Eisan  
Lloyd Shephard

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Regrets: Jack McFarland, Vice-Chairman

Also Present: Don Lucking, Parade Marshall  
Terry Whitehead, Mayor's Executive Assistant  
Charlene Touzel, Secretary

1. REQUEST FOR FUNDING - THE CANADIAN CLUB OF HAMILTON  
LUNCHEON - 1996 NOVEMBER 11

Terry Whitehead, Mayor's Executive Assistant, appeared before the Committee and requested the Committee's financial support, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, to sponsor Veterans to attend The Canadian Club of Hamilton's luncheon which will be held immediately following the Remembrance Day Service on Monday, 1996 November 11 at the Royal Connaught/Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel.

Mr. Whitehead indicated that the Hamilton Sesquicentennial Celebrations Inc. have agreed to contribute \$2,000 for this luncheon and asked that the Committee consider all or half of this amount as the City's share towards this luncheon.

Concerns were raised by Committee Members that they have been given insufficient time to get a good turn out of Veterans at this luncheon.

Bill McBride, Managing Secretary, The Canadian Club of Hamilton, was then reached by the Committee Secretary by telephone to answer a number of questions the Committee had respecting the invitation.

Mr. McBride indicated to the Committee Secretary that notices have been mailed to all local Veterans Organizations who have been asked to notify their members and RSVP by Thursday, 1996 November 7. The Committee indicated that they may have a difficult time getting a good turn out of Veterans given that some Clubs just received the invitation yesterday.

Mr. McBride added that if the Committee approves funding for the luncheon, that the portion of the costs for the Veterans would be divided in half between the Hamilton Veterans Committee and the Hamilton Sesquicentennial Celebrations Inc.

The Secretary advised Committee Members that as of 1996 September 30, the Committee had an available balance of \$7,159.01. The Secretary indicated that there is still an outstanding invoice in the amount of \$1,000 for three upright markers that were purchased by the Committee as well as the Remembrance Day expenses estimated at \$3,000, which would leave an available balance of \$3,000 in the Committee's account.

After considerable discussion, the Committee approved the following:

That the Hamilton Veterans Committee commit up to \$1,500 to pay half of the costs for the Veterans to attend The Canadian Club of Hamilton's luncheon on 1996 November 11 at the Royal Connaught/Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel.

The Committee also approved the following:

That any monies remaining in the Hamilton Veterans Committee's 1996 budget after all Remembrance Day and other committed funds have been accounted for, be used to purchase outstanding upright markers for the Field of Honour, Woodland Cemetery.

The Committee also agreed to send a letter to the Mayor expressing its concerns that the Hamilton Veterans Committee was not approached to assist or even provide comment on the presentation to the Hamilton Militia on 1996 November 10 and further, its concerns that the Committee was approached at such a late date respecting the Canadian Club of Hamilton luncheon to be held following the Remembrance Day Service on 1996 November 11.

2. 1996 REMEMBRANCE DAY

General discussion ensued on the upcoming Parade and Services to be held on 1996 November 10 and November 11 to make sure that all necessary arrangements are in place.

3. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting then adjourned.

Taken as read and approved,

Frank Caldwell, Chairman  
Hamilton Veterans Committee

Charlene Touzel, Secretary



# AGENDA

# 3a

## 1. Planning for Decoration Day Parade and Service - 1997 June 8

### (a) Morning Service

Service Starting Time 11:00 a.m.

Place of Service Woodland Cemetery, Section 18

Clergy Reverend Aaron Orr

Transportation Buses will depart rear of City Hall at 10:30 a.m. sharp

Band \_\_\_\_\_

Piper \_\_\_\_\_

Bugler \_\_\_\_\_

### (b) Parade

Parade Starting Time 12:15 p.m.

Place of Parade to Form up City Hall Forecourt

Parade Route Main Street to John Street - South Leg of King to Cenotaph

Place of Service Cenotaph

Time of Service 12:30 p.m.

Clergy Reverend Aaron Orr

Dismissal of Parade At Cenotaph

Order of March Attached as Appendix "A"

Band \_\_\_\_\_

Parade Commander \_\_\_\_\_

Parade Marshall \_\_\_\_\_

Colour Marshall \_\_\_\_\_

Saluting Officer Colonel Jim Forsyth

Veteran in Charge of  
Wreath Bearers \_\_\_\_\_

Piper \_\_\_\_\_

Bugler \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran accompanying  
Saluting Officer \_\_\_\_\_

U.N. Flag Bearer \_\_\_\_\_

Honour Guard \_\_\_\_\_

Fly Past Canadian Warplane Heritage (weather permitting)

## 2. Other Business

## 3. Adjournment

## **APPENDIX "A"**

### **Section No. 1**

Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Veterans Association  
Her Majesty's Army and Navy Veterans  
Dominion Foundries & Steel War Veterans Association  
Canadian Corps. of Commissionaires  
Hamilton Municipal Employee War Veterans Association  
National Steel Car Veterans Association  
Hamilton Naval Veterans Association  
Burlington Naval Veterans Association  
Army, Navy & Air Force Veterans in Canada  
Prisoners of War Association  
Dutch Canadian Legion - Hamilton Branch

### **Section No. 2**

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 58 - with Band  
Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 343 - Maccabees Branch  
Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 315 - Polish Branch  
Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 163 - Mt. Hamilton Branch  
Korea Veterans Association  
Canadian Airborne Forces Association  
Hamilton Signals Association

### **Section No. 3**

Hamilton Police War Veterans Association  
Canadian Corps - Unit 57 - R.H.L.I. Association  
War Amputations Association of Canada  
Polish Combatants Association - Branch 23  
American Legion Post 18  
Polish Army War Veterans Association of America - Post 163  
Veterans Service League  
Canadian Vietnam Veterans of Hamilton

### **Section No. 4**

British Imperial Veterans' Association  
War Pensioners' of Canada - Hamilton Branch  
R.C.A.F. Association (Krakow Wing) Hamilton  
R.C.A.F. Association 447 Wing  
R.C.A.F. W.D. Association  
Stelco War Veterans' Association  
4th Canadian Infantry Veterans  
Hamilton Firefighters War Veterans Association  
Knight's of Columbus Veterans



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OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK  
MEMORANDUM

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TO: Chairman and Members  
Hamilton Veterans Committee

YOUR FILE:

FROM: Charlene J. Touzel, Secretary  
Hamilton Veterans Committee  
City Clerk's Department

OUR FILE:  
PHONE: 546-3994

SUBJECT: Order of Wreaths to be Placed for  
Veterans Services

DATE: 1997 March 6

Please find attached, the Order of Wreaths to be Placed for Veterans Services that the Hamilton Veterans Committee follows for its Annual Decoration Day and Remembrance Day Services.

After the 1996 Remembrance Day Service, questions were raised why the United Council of Veterans and Veterans Affairs Canada were not on the list.

The Committee should review the list to make sure that these two organizations and others that may attend our Services are added so that the Veteran in Charge of Wreath Bearers has a complete list at his disposal.

attached

*Touzel*

## ORDER OF WREATHS TO BE PLACED FOR VETERANS SERVICES

Silver Cross Mothers  
Mayor  
Federal Government Representative  
Provincial Government Representative  
Official Representative of other Governments  
Reviewing Officer  
Royal Canadian Legion  
Army, Navy, Air Force Veterans Canada  
Canadian Corps Association  
Royal Canadian Navy Association  
RCR Association Hamilton and District  
Korea Veterans Association  
I. H. Association—  
R. C. C. S.  
Hamilton Division Corps of Commissionnaires  
Royal Canadian Air Force Association  
Bomber Command Association (Canada)  
Naval Officers Association  
Nursing Sisters  
Royal Marine Association (Canada)  
Greek Canadian Veterans Association  
Polish Combatants Association  
Knights of Columbus  
Canadian Forces Base  
1st Battalion The Royal Canadian Regiment  
Other Service Units (Regular and Reserve)  
R. C. M. P.  
Next of Kin of Deceased Comrades  
I. O. D. E.  
Dutch Canadian Association  
Canadian Red Cross  
Hamilton Professional Firefighters Association  
St. John's Ambulance Association  
Ex-Service Organizations  
Ex-Service Personnel  
Canadian Long Service Annuitants  
B'Nai Brith  
Hamilton Vietnamese Association  
Hamilton Korea Association  
Other Organizations





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## HAMILTON VETERANS COMMITTEE

1996 January 17

### **All Families/Friends of Veterans Buried in the Field of Honour at Woodland Cemetery:**

As you are aware, the Field of Honour in Woodland Cemetery was established to honour those who served our country so bravely in a time of need and who are no longer with us.

It has been brought to the attention of the Hamilton Veterans Committee that some Veterans' Markers are unknowingly being damaged by visitors who are taping flowers and photographs to the marker itself.

The maintenance of the Fields of Honour, Section 5 and 18, in Woodland Cemetery is of growing concern and therefore, I would like to remind you of the following policy which would not only assist our staff in maintaining the Cemetery grounds, but would ensure that no further damage is incurred to Veterans' markers.

- a) No flowers, plants (artificial or real) or other articles may be placed at a Veteran's grave in the Field of Honour at Woodland Cemetery; and,
- b) **Nothing** shall be affixed to a Veteran's Marker in the Field of Honour. This includes flags and flowers (artificial or real).

Individuals wishing to plant flowers in memory of a fallen comrade can have them planted in the Cemetery's Garden of Remembrance and are encouraged to contact the Cemetery office at 546-4402 in this regard.

Your cooperation is most appreciated.

Yours truly,

Charlene Touzel, Secretary  
Hamilton Veterans Committee





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NOTICE OF MEETING


GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

## Hamilton Veterans Committee

Thursday, 1997 September 25

3:30 o'clock p.m.

Room 233, City Hall

  
Charlene Touzel, Secretary  
Hamilton Veterans CommitteeA G E N D A1. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS (no copy)2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Hamilton Veterans Committee for its meetings held:

(a) 1997 May 8

(b) 1997 May 8 (With Veterans Representatives)

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (no copy)4. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a) Letter dated 1997 August 4 from War Monuments Project Co-Ordinator, Stem Net -Internet Site for War Monuments
- b) Letter dated 1997 August 26 from the Contact Mariniers Canada - Participation in 1997 Remembrance Day Parade
- c) Request from Alderman Wilson re: Dieppe Memorial

5. DELEGATIONS (4:00 o'clock p.m.)

- a) The Cross of Sacrifice, Hamilton Cemetery - Date Inscription - Mr. and Mrs. William and Eva Freeman





b) Placing of Flowers on Veterans Markers in Field of Honour

(i) Letter from Mrs. Eva Freeman

(ii) Letter from Mrs. Patricia Williams

6. **PARADES AND SERVICES**

a) Decoration Day Parade and Service - Suggested Change in Format

b) 1997 Remembrance Day Parade and Services

7. **OTHER BUSINESS**

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee will adjourn for a Dinner Planning Meeting at 5:15 p.m. and will reconvene at 7:00 p.m. to meet with the Hamilton and area Veterans Associations to formulate plans for the 1997 Remembrance Day Parade and Services.





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Also Present: Georges Lariviere, District Director, Veterans Affairs Canada  
Charlene Touzel, Secretary

1. DELEGATION

**Veterans Affairs Canada - Mr. Georges Lariviere, District Director**

The Committee met with Mr. Georges Lariviere, the new District Director for Veterans Affairs Canada to discuss various issues affecting the Veterans of Hamilton and area.

Mr. Lariviere advised Committee Members that the lease for Veterans Affairs Canada's Hamilton Office expires 1997 July 31 and, as previously thought, will not be relocating to the St. Joseph's Health Care Foundation facility near Stoney Creek. Mr. Lariviere indicated that several options are being considered but that a final location has not yet been determined.

Alderman McCulloch questioned whether or not Veterans Affairs Canada could provide the City with an idea of how many Veterans (World War I, World War II, Korea War, Peace keeping Veterans) are in the Hamilton area and whether or not the Department is aware how many of them may wish to be buried in the Field of Honour, Woodland Cemetery. Mr. Lariviere indicated that the Department does keep its own figures but that the last official count was taken as part of the 1971 Census. Mr. Lariviere indicated that he is not aware of the Veterans' burial preferences but agreed to pass this information on to the Committee.

Mr. Lariviere also updated the Committee on the changes to the Veterans Independent Program (V.I.P.) and the Department's work with Dr. Molloy to assist Veterans in recording their wishes for future health care, etc. Committee Members were advised that Dr. Molloy has written a second book on this subject and Mr. Lariviere indicated that he will try to get copies for the Hamilton Veterans Committee and suggested that perhaps Dr. Molloy could attend a future meeting to provide an update on this matter.

Committee Members were further advised that individuals injured while on peace keeping missions are eligible for pension benefits from Veterans Affairs Canada.

Alderman McCulloch questioned what involvement, if any, that Veterans Affairs Canada has with the administration of Veterans' graves, other than the Field of Honour. Mr. Lariviere indicated that the Department does provide limited funds for cemetery restoration. The Secretary was directed to pass this information on to the Manager, Cemeteries Division.

Mr. Lariviere added that the Department is also trying to get the Canada Remembers Project introduced into the high school curriculum.

Frank Caldwell, Chairperson, thanked Mr. Lariviere for meeting with the Committee and suggested that the next meeting be held at Veterans Affairs Canada in three or four months.

2. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

The Committee was in receipt of the Minutes of the Hamilton Veterans Committee for its meetings held:

- a) 1996 October 3
- b) 1996 October 3 (With Veterans Representatives)
- c) 1996 November 5

These Minutes were adopted as circulated.

As a matter of business arising from the Minutes, Tom Dean advised Committee Members that a Contingency Plan has been developed for future Remembrance Day Parades to be held in the James Street Armouries in the event of inclement weather. The Secretary was asked to send a copy of the Contingency Plan to Committee Members for their information.

3. **1997 DECORATION DAY PARADE AND SERVICE**

a) **General Discussion**

General discussion ensued on the 1997 Decoration Day Parade and Services to held on Sunday, 1997 June 8.

The Secretary reported that the Salvation Army Band is not available to perform and is waiting for confirmation from the Navy Band on their availability. The Committee indicated that if the Navy Band is not available, that the Secretary should contact the R.H.L.I. Band, and failing that, tapes of the hymns could be provided. Tom Dean indicated that the Committee may experience some difficulties in getting a band given that the Military Tattoo will be taking place that afternoon at Copps Coliseum.

The Committee also agreed that the north side of the Cenotaph should be blocked off during the Service to prevent observers from standing in this area. The Secretary agreed to make the necessary arrangements in this regard.

b) **Order of Wreaths to be Placed for Veterans Services**

The Committee was in receipt of a memorandum dated 1997 March 6 from the Secretary, Hamilton Veterans Committee, respecting the above-noted matter.

The Committee agreed to amend the order of wreaths to be laid at Veterans Services as follows:

- Silver Cross Mothers
- Mayor
- Federal Government Representative
- Provincial Government Representative
- Official Representative from Other Governments
- Reviewing Officer
- Veterans Affairs Canada
- United Council of Veterans
- Veterans Associations
- Other Associations
- Schools



4. OTHER BUSINESSa) **Review of Current Policy respecting Plantings, Laying of Wreaths, etc. in Field of Honour, Woodland Cemetery**

The Committee was in receipt of the current policy respecting plantings, laying of wreaths, etc. in the Field of Honour, Woodland Cemetery.

Alderman McCulloch advised Committee Members that Public Works Staff remove all items left on the gravesites once a month.

Tom Dean questioned the Committee's current policy respecting the replacement or repair of the metal crosses on veterans graves. Mr. Dean indicated that the metal cross on his father's grave has been broken off at the base for some time and the family is interested in having it repaired. The Committee Secretary indicated that the policy states that the cost of a metal veterans' cross be rebated to the estate of any veteran who is buried in a flat marker section of any Hamilton Municipal Cemetery, or Sections 5 or 18, Woodland Cemetery, and therefore the family would be issued a rebate cheque in the amount of \$175 that they could use to have the cross repaired or used towards the purchase of a flat marker. Mr. Dean indicated that he would pass this information on to the family.

b) **Bus Shelters in Gore Park**

Alderman McCulloch reported that the City will be relocating the bus stops, which are currently on the north side of the south leg of King Street, immediately adjacent to Gore Park, to the south side of the south leg of King Street for a trial period. The Committee supported this initiative.

Alderman McCulloch added that he is also trying to get the telephone booths from the east end of the Park relocated from the Cenotaph area.

c) **East End Decoration Day**

Tom Dean questioned the date of the East End Decoration Day Parade. The Secretary indicated that the Parade and Service will be held on Sunday, 1997 August 24.

d) **Name tags for Committee Members**

The Secretary was asked to purchase new name tags, with City crests, for all Members of the Hamilton Veterans Committee.

e) **Tax Relief and Nevada Licences for Veterans Clubs**

Tom Dean advised Committee Members that at a recent Presidents and Secretaries Meeting, the issue of property tax relief for Veterans Clubs was discussed. Committee Members were advised that Veterans Clubs in the City of Toronto are exempt from paying property taxes and questioned whether or not this policy could be implemented in Hamilton. The Secretary was asked to contact the City of Toronto to obtain information respecting their policies in this regard.

The Committee was further advised that the Veterans Associations also have some concerns respecting Nevada Lottery fee increases. It was agreed that this issue would be discussed further at the next meeting of the United Council of Veterans and that a special information meeting, sponsored by the United Council of Veterans, would be called for the Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, and other persons responsible for the Clubs' Nevada Licences, to meet with representatives from the City's

Licensing Division to resolve any questions/concerns they have respecting Nevada licences and regulations.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting then adjourned.

Taken as read and approved,

Frank Caldwell, Chairperson  
Hamilton Veterans Committee

Charlene Touzel, Secretary

Thursday, 1997 May 8  
7:00 o'clock p.m.  
Council Chambers, City Hall

The Hamilton Veterans Committee met with representatives from the Area Veterans Associations to finalize plans for the 1997 Decoration Day Parade and Services.

There were Present: Frank Caldwell, Chairperson  
Jack McFarland, Vice-Chairperson  
Alderman William McCulloch  
Tom Dean  
Bill Eisan  
Lloyd Shephard

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Also Present: Larry Hannigan, Hamilton Naval Veterans Association  
Jim Andrew, British Imperial Veterans  
George Thorne, National Steel Car Veterans  
Andy Tallach, National Steel Car Veterans  
Ronald Fox, Hamilton Signals Association  
Ruth Thorne, R.C.A.F. Association, 447 Wing  
Mike Roach, R.H.L.I.  
Jim Fallowfield, Canadian Corps, Unit 45  
Pius Peters, Knights of Columbus Veterans  
CWO Dennis Floresco, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada  
Charlene Touzel, Secretary

1. CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Frank Caldwell, Chairperson, called the meeting to order and thanked the representatives from the various Hamilton and area Veterans Associations for attending and asked Veterans to stand for a moments silence in honour of our fallen and departed comrades.

2. PLANNING FOR 1997 DECORATION DAY PARADE AND SERVICE

The following arrangements for the 1997 Decoration Day Parade and Service to be held on Sunday, 1997 June 8 were approved:

(a) Morning Service

Service Starting Time	11:00 a.m.
Place of Service	Woodland Cemetery, Section 18
Clergy	Reverend Aaron Orr
Transportation	Buses will depart rear of City Hall at 10:30 a.m. sharp
Band	Secretary to confirm Navy Band
Piper	R.C.L. Branch 58 - Lloyd Shephard to confirm
Bugler	R.H.L.I. - Mike Roach to confirm

(b) Parade

Parade Starting Time	12:15 p.m.
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Place of Parade to Form up	City Hall Forecourt
Parade Route	Main Street to John Street - South Leg of King to Cenotaph
Place of Service	Cenotaph
Time of Service	12:30 p.m.
Clergy	Reverend Aaron Orr
Dismissal of Parade	At Cenotaph
Order of March	Attached as Appendix "A"
Band	Secretary to confirm Navy Band
Parade Commander	Frank Caldwell
Parade Marshall	Jack McFarland
Colour Marshall	Bill Eisan
Saluting Officer	Colonel Jim Forsyth
Veteran in Charge of Wreath Bearers	Gerry Rattray - Mike Roach to confirm
Piper	R.C.L. Branch 58 - Lloyd Shephard to confirm
Bugler	R.H.L.I. - Mike Roach to confirm
Veteran accompanying Saluting Officer	George Thorne
U.N. Flag Bearer	Unit 26 - Bill Eisan to arrange
Honour Guard	R.C.L., Branch 58 and R.H.L.I. - Hugh McKellar, Guard
Commander	
Fly Past	Canadian Warplane Heritage (weather permitting)

### 3. OTHER BUSINESS

#### a) **Meeting with Veterans Affairs Canada**

Frank Caldwell, Chairperson, advised the representatives from the various Veterans Associations, that the Committee met with the new District Director, Veterans Affairs Canada this afternoon to discuss various issues such as the relocation of their offices, changes to the Veterans Independent Program (V.I.P.) and the Department's work with Dr. William Molloy to assist Veterans in recording their wishes for future health care, etc.

b) **Bus Shelters in Gore Park**

Frank Caldwell reported that the City will be relocating the bus stops, which are currently on the north side of the south leg of King Street, immediately adjacent to Gore Park, to the south side of the south leg of King Street for a trial period.

c) **Macassa Lodge Seeking Funds**

Mike Roach reminded all Veterans Clubs that Macassa Lodge is still looking for donations for their decoration/renovation project and asked all Clubs with Nevada Funds to consider donating monies to this project.

d) **Last Post Fund Applications**

Mike Roach reported on the changes under the Last Post Fund as they relate to the calculation of a Veteran's assets/income in determining eligibility for burial funding. As Mike Roach is no longer an Area Co-Ordinator for the Last Post Fund, Veterans with any questions regarding the new procedures were asked to call the Last Post Fund directly at 1-800-563-2508.

e) **Wreath for Silver Cross Mothers**

Ruth Thorne indicated that she has the wreath for the Silver Cross Mothers from last year's Remembrance Day Service. It was agreed that this wreath would be kept and laid only on November 11th.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting then adjourned.

Taken as read and approved,

Frank Caldwell, Chairperson  
Hamilton Veterans Committee

Charlene Touzel, Secretary





*Memo* FROM THE DESK OF THE *PERSONNEL*

TO: *Clerks/Area*  
DATE: *Aug 18/9*

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1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION
2. FOR YOUR INFORMATION & APPROPRIATE ACTION
3. PLEASE DISTRIBUTE TO APPROPRIATE STAFF
4. FOR COMPLETION AND FORWARDING TO SENDER
5. PREPARE REPLY FOR CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE
6. RETURN TO CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE WHEN COMPLETED
7. YOUR COMMENTS PLEASE

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OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

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**STEM~Net**

An Educational Network for Newfoundland and Labrador

August 4, 1997

Regional Chairman  
Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth  
119 King Street West - 15th Floor  
P.O. Box 910  
Hamilton, ON L8N 3V9

Dear Regional Chairman:

The proud history surrounding the symbols of Canada's fallen comrades often erodes with the passage of time. To help overcome this unfortunate effect and to preserve our history, STEM~Net, in cooperation with Eugene Vaters Collegiate in St. John's, is collecting information about as many war monuments in Canada as possible. The collected information will be developed into an Internet site where the captured information will be preserved and made available to a wider audience in Canada and around the world. I have enclosed the letter and information sheet being used to collect this information.

With this I ask for your assistance in collecting the war monument information in your local area. This information requires a picture of the monument, its name, location, and construction date, and who it was constructed in memory of. As well, I welcome and encourage you to provide additional information including history and stories about the monument, the people it represents and connected ceremonies. For us, this is a very large and worthwhile project and any information that you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

Please take a minute to review the enclosed letter and information sheet and feel free to forward copies to other interested people. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Moss  
War Monuments Project Coordinator

Tel: (709) 737-3559  
E-mail: [rmoss@calvin.stemnet.nf.ca](mailto:rmoss@calvin.stemnet.nf.ca)

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## War Monuments in Canada World Wide Web Site

The War Monuments project is an attempt to preserve the history surrounding the hundreds of war monuments across Canada in digital format and to make it available to a wide audience through the Internet. The development of this web site is being carried out by STEM~Net, at Memorial University of Newfoundland, with the assistance of Eugene Vaters Collegiate, St. John's, and with the support of funding from Industry Canada.

We are now in the process of collecting information about as many monuments in Canada as possible and we are asking for your assistance with monuments that are in your local area. Each web page about a monument will contain a set of basic information about the monument including a picture, where it is located, when it was constructed and who it is constructed in memory of. In addition, other information such as the history surrounding the structure, the funding for it and maintenance of it, or pictures, stories or short video clips about any of the people it was constructed in memory of are also welcome. Pictures, stories or short video clips of Remembrance Day or other ceremonies that have taken place at the site may also be included.

The basic information required for inclusion of a monument in this project can be filled in on the attached questionnaire and returned to us along with a photograph of the monument. Any additional information, as indicated above, can be included. Pictures and video tapes can be returned to the sender if required.

The site can be previewed on the Internet at <http://www.stemnet.nf.ca/monuments> and will be officially launched in the fall.

We thank you in advance for your interest in, and support of, this worthwhile project and please feel free to forward copies of this letter and form to others who you think may have information to contribute.

If you have any questions about the project, you may contact us at the following addresses and numbers:

War Monuments Project  
STEM~Net,  
Rm E5038, Education Building,  
Memorial University of Newfoundland,  
St. John's, NF, A1B 3X8  
Fax: 709-737-2179

Nancy Parsons Heath  
Phone: 709-737-2663  
[nancy@calvin.stemnet.nf.ca](mailto:nancy@calvin.stemnet.nf.ca)

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Robert Moss  
Phone: 709-737-3559  
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## Information on Canadian War Monuments

The following information is needed to complete a basic information page about a monument for inclusion in the War Monuments of Canada World Wide Web Site:

Name of Monument: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Monument: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Constructed in Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Construction Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (Picture must also be included with this form )

### Optional Information:

Any other relevant information about the monument may be included with this form for addition to the web site. This may include a description of the design of the monument, the history of its construction, stories or accounts of ceremonies that have taken place at this site, a description of current upkeep and maintenance of this site or any other similar information. Any of this information may be accompanied by pictures, or short video or audio clips. (Use additional paper if more space is needed.)

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### Information Contact:

The following information will not be included on the web site but is for use by the staff if they have any questions about the information provided here:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Please Check here if you have included pictures or tapes that you wish to have returned.

**Contact Mariniers Canada**

Royal Netherlands Marine Corps Veterans Association  
c/o T. Brabers  
15 Arnprior Road, Scarborough, Ont.  
M1K 5A5 Phone: (416) 261-5496

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HAMILTON VETERANS COMMITTEE,  
Ms. Charlene Touzel, secretary,  
CITY HALL,  
71 MAIN STREET W,  
HAMILTON, ONT L8N 3T4

August 26, 1997  
TEL & FAX #: (416) 261-5496

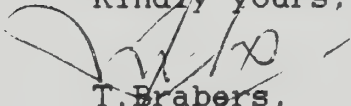
Dear Charlene,

In response to your letter dated May 23, 1997 we inform you that our organization members have expressed their desire to participate in your Annual Remembrance Day parade on Sunday, November 9, 1997.

Based on past experience we anticipate that approximately 40 (forty) members will take part in the parade and service.

We are looking forward to receive the copy of your Remembrance Day parade Orders and any other information, that you feel, could be of assistance to us.

Kindly yours,

  
T. Brabers,  
Secretary Contact Mariniers Canada,  
Royal Netherlands Marine Corps Veterans Association.





**Touzel, Charlene**

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**From:** Wilson, Dave  
**To:** Touzel, Charlene  
**Subject:** RE: Dieppe Memorial  
**Date:** Sunday, September 07, 1997 3:15PM  
**Priority:** High

Dear Sirs,

While I was at the ceremony at the RHLI building on the anniversary of Dieppe a number of people made the point that other than the Memorial there , no other tribute to the people who fought, were captured or died has been established in the city. They asked that we consider a more visible tribute to those involved and as a result of that I have asked the F & A committee to authorize me to speak with the committee on their behalf. I would appreciate your thoughts and co-operation Yours truly



3154 Trinity Church Road,  
Mount Hope, Ontario.  
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(905) 692-5191

August 28, 1997.

Mrs. Charlene Touzel,  
Hamilton Veterans Committee,  
71 Main Street, West,  
Hamilton, Ontario.  
L8P 4Y5

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Dear Mrs. Touzel:

Re: The Crosses of Sacrifice (Sword of Honour)

I have for approximately three years been trying to bring awareness to an error in the years inscribed on The Cross of Sacrifice, also known as The Sword of Honour which is erected in the Hamilton Cemetery on York Street, Hamilton, Ontario.

History books in our schools teaches The First World War - The "War to end all Wars" years as 1914-1918 not 1914-1919 which is inscribed on The Cross of Sacrifice.

We have all heard and no doubt have stated that the youth of today do not appreciate the sacrifice that so many have given for the freedom that we all enjoy. Some say the fault is the education system. My question is how can the youth of today appreciate our history when a monument of such importance is inscribed incorrectly? A seventy four year old monument with incorrectly inscribed years does not exhibit any wisdom from those who should have the correct knowledge.

There are very few First World War Veterans with us today which gives me great concern. We must dedicate ourselves to correcting this error.

The Hamilton Veterans Committee have the authority to see this project corrected in honour of all our First World Veterans.

Sincerely yours



William Freeman.

Attached 1



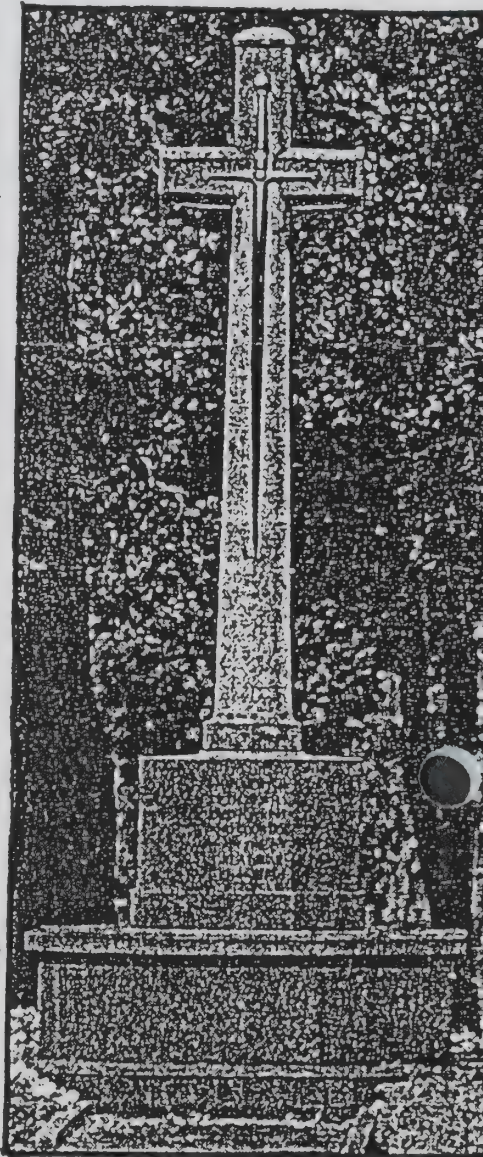
# 'A HAMILTON MEMORIAL OF THE GREAT WAR'.

AN ARTICLE APPEARED ON PAGE W12 HAMILTON SPECTATOR SATURDAY, AUGUST 16th, 1997., AND A PHOTOGRAPH OF A 'BRIAN HENLEY AS IF HE WERE THE REPORTER. HE WAS WRITING ON AN ARTICLE IN THE HAMILTON HERALD AUGUST 27th, 1923 AND A PHOTOGRAPH WITH THE NAME OF; 'JOHN RENNISON' WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN TAKEN THEN OR RECENTLY. THE PHOTOGRAPH OF THEN OR TODAY

DEPICTS THE ENGRAVING; **GREAT WAR 1914-TO-1919.** EVERYWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD & IN ENCYCLOPEADIC INFORMATION IT IS RECORDED AS BEING; **1914-TO-1918.** EVA FREEMAN, THE WIFE OF OUR FOUNDING PRESIDENT HAD NOTICED THIS WHEN THEY WERE BOTH ATTENDING A FUNCTION AT THE CEMETERY, WHICH SHE POINTED OUT TO BILL .IT WOULD BE MOST INTERESTING IF THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT SO CALLED; **'CROSS OF SACRIFICE'** WOULD RELATE WHY THIS ENGRAVING AS SUCH OR IF DEEMED WRONGLY DONE, WHY IS IT STILL, AFTER 75 yrs NOT CHANGED AS IF NO ONE HAS EVER REPORTED IT BEFORE AND IF THEY HAVE, WHY IT WAS NOT DEEMED IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO MAKE ANY CHANGE. FURTHER TO THIS THE FACT THAT THE; **'CROSS OF SACRIFICE'** IS DEPICTING THAT ONLY CHRISTIANS WERE THOSE WHO DIED FOR THEIR COUNTRY & DOES NOT COVER ALL THOSE CANADIANS WHO WERE NOT CHRISTIANS WHO ALSO DIED. IT CAN BE NOTED THAT DURING THE CEREMONY OF THAT DAY IN 1923, THAT THE SONGS THAT WERE SUNG WERE ALL CHRISTIAN SONGS & NOTHING WAS NOTED TO BE OTHERWISE.

PLEASE HAMILTON LET US GET OUR ACTS TOGETHER AND CORRECTLY DISPLAY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS WHO MAY NEVER KNOW, WE HOPE, WHAT A SACRIFICE IT IS TO GIVE ONESELF TO THE WHIMS OF WHAT OUR COUNTRY DECIDES IS IN OUR BEST INTERESTS THROUGH WARS. THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918, WAS DECLARED TO END ALL WARS, BUT 1939 - 1945 PLUS, BROKE OUT TO BECOME WORLD WAR TWO. THEN, THE KOREAN WAR; 1950-1953, WHICH BROUGHT ON WORLD WIDE REPERCUSSIONS FOR THE UNITED NATIONS TO SOLVE AND EVEN TODAY IT REALLY IS NOT COMPLETED AND HAS ACTUALLY SOLVED NOTHING EXCEPT A CEASE FIRE BUT THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE STILL STICKEDLY INVOLVED IN SEPARATION OF SOUTH AND NORTH KOREA.

JohnSon.



I received this article from Mr. R. A. JohnSon, C.D.,  
96 Larch Street,  
Hamilton, Ontario.  
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3154 Trinity Church Road,  
Mount Hope, Ontario.

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(905) 692-5191

August 28, 1987

Mrs. Charlene Touzel,  
Hamilton Veterans Committee,  
71 Main Street, West,  
Hamilton, Ontario.  
L8P 4Y5

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Dear Mrs. Touzel:

Re: Proposal for permission to allow saddles  
with flowers on grave markers in The  
Field of Honour

On behalf of several widows and their families who wish to lay flowers on their loved ones graves I propose that the cemetery criteria be changed to allow saddles with flowers clipped to the top of the grave markers.

The widows and their families are aware that The Field of Honour has to be uniform. The only difference with allowing saddles would be the type of flower that is arranged in the saddle.

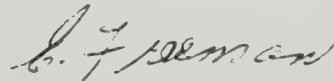
Families will always put flowers at grave markers which has to be picked up and disposed of by the cemetery maintenance staff. This takes extra time for the staff and by all means far from being uniform. The saddles will not mark the grave markers and are made to fit all size of stones. The clips on the saddles are plastic coated therefore the stones will not be chipped as they should be made to withstand much more.

Many families have paid for the site and grave marker and feel deeply that they should be allowed to remember their loved ones by placing flowers.

On behalf of all the families I urge all of you to show compassion to permit and pass this proposal. I can not say I know how the families feel, I can only say I have seen the hurt in their eyes and faces.

Cemetery maintenance staff plant flowers and trees and maintain same in The Field of Honour in other provinces and countries so please permit the families to place the saddles on the grave markers in honour of all our deceased comrades.

Sincerely yours



Eva Freeman (Mrs.)





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Aug. 27 1977

Dear Mrs. Chalcene Touzel,

My husband passed away, in May of this year. He was a Korean war veteran, and was buried in the Field of Honor in Woodland cemetery here in Hamilton.

I paid for the entire funeral, stone, plot etc.

A few weeks ago I wanted to put a arrangement of flowers on the top of his headstone (it is called a saddle) & was told by the cemetery, that it would be taken down & thrown away as they are not allowed.

There were three there then & they looked very nice. These saddles do in no way at all interfere with the maintenance of the grounds. I can see their point of not having flowers & wreaths all over the place, it should all be uniform.

I am not the only widow & families, that feel this way, as I have spoken to many that feel the same way as I do, to be able to put a arrangement on their loved one's headstones.

I spoke to auldeman McCulloch, he is on the cemetery board, and he said it was the way it is now, all over the world, I hardly think he's been all over the world to know, well I think & others it's time for a change. He was not too receptive, but did promise to bring it up at council in Sept.

I would really appreciate it if you could help <sup>us</sup> on this matter.

Sincerely Patricia Williams





OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Chairman and Members  
Hamilton Veterans Committee

YOUR FILE:

FROM: Charlene Touzel, Secretary  
Hamilton Veterans Committee  
City Clerk's Department

OUR FILE:  
PHONE: 546-3994

SUBJECT: Decoration Day Parade and Service  
- Suggested Change in Format

DATE: 1997 June 30

Frank Caldwell, Chairman, Hamilton Veterans Committee, has asked that I relay to you, his suggestion that consideration be given to eliminating the Parade and afternoon Service in conjunction with our Annual Decoration Day activities.

Mr. Caldwell has asked that I place this matter on the Committee's next agenda for discussion but wanted to make you aware of his suggestion in advance of this meeting.

Should you wish to discuss this matter with him before the next meeting, Mr. Caldwell can be reached at 549-4268.

*Charlene*



## A G E N D A

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1. Call to Order and Chairman's Remarks
2. Planning for Remembrance Day Parade and Service - Sunday, 1997 November 9

Parade Starting Time 10:15 a.m.

Parade Formation Old Armouries (signs will be provided)

Order of March Attached as Appendix "A"

Parade Route James - King - Cenotaph (Veterans on South leg, Militia on North Leg of King Street)

Place of Service Cenotaph

Time of Service 10:45 a.m.

Clergy Reverend Aaron Orr

Band \_\_\_\_\_

Parade Commander \_\_\_\_\_

Parade Marshall \_\_\_\_\_

Colour Marshall \_\_\_\_\_

Saluting Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Gun Crew and Honour Guard \_\_\_\_\_

Piper \_\_\_\_\_

Bugler \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran Accompanying Saluting Officer \_\_\_\_\_

U.N. Flag Bearer \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran in Charge of Wreath Bearers \_\_\_\_\_

(see over)



Choir \_\_\_\_\_

Dismissal John and Rebecca Streets - Veterans

Hughson Street to the Armouries - Militia

Fly Past Canadian Warplane Heritage (weather permitting)

3. **Planning for Remembrance Day Service - Tuesday, 1997 November 11**

Time of Service 10:45 a.m.

Place of Service Fall in at Cenotaph

Clergy Reverend Aaron Orr

Band \_\_\_\_\_

Colour Marshall \_\_\_\_\_

Piper \_\_\_\_\_

Bugler \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran in Charge of Wreath Bearers \_\_\_\_\_

Honour Guard \_\_\_\_\_

Choir The Hamilton Children's Choir

Dismissal At the Cenotaph

Fly Past Canadian Warplane Heritage (weather permitting)

4. **Other Business**

5. **Adjournment**

## APPENDIX "A"

### Section No. 1

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 58 - with Band  
Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 343 - Maccabees Branch  
Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 315 - Polish Branch  
Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 163 - Mt. Hamilton Branch  
Korea Veterans Association  
Canadian Airborne Forces Association  
Hamilton Signals Association

### Section No. 2

Hamilton Police War Veterans Association  
Canadian Corps - Unit 57 - R.H.L.I. Association  
War Amputations Association of Canada  
Polish Combatants Association - Branch 23  
American Legion Post 18  
Polish Army War Veterans Association of America - Post 163  
Veterans Service League  
Canadian Vietnam Veterans of Hamilton

### Section No. 3

British Imperial Veterans' Association  
War Pensioners' of Canada - Hamilton Branch  
R.C.A.F. Association (Krakow Wing) Hamilton  
R.C.A.F. Association 447 Wing  
R.C.A.F. W.D. Association  
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